HOUSE BILL 612 By Brown

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(a)(1), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

The commission shall consist of a total of twelve (12) voting members.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204(a)(1), is further amended by deleting the third sentence in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

The comptroller of the treasury, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the chancellor of the board of regents and the president of the university of Tennessee shall serve as ex officio, voting members of the commission.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, before any final action may be taken by the commission concerning revisions to the master plan, any action concerning the formulae for the fair and equitable distribution and use of public funds among the state's institutions of higher learning, and any plan for the capping of enrollment at the state's institutions of higher learning shall be submitted by the commission to the select oversight committee on education for approval.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.